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CE QUE FEMME VEUT...

De Jeanne Cadorette

Entrevue avec la Ministre déléguée à la Condition féminine du Québec Me Monique Gagnon-Tremblay

Le 8 mars de chaque année, les femmes du monde entier font le point sur la reconnaissance de leurs droits dans les différentes sphères d'activité dans lesquelles elles évoluent. Mais le 8 mars n'est pas la seule journée où les femmes peuvent se faire entendre. Au Québec, le Ministère de la Condition féminine, créé en 1979, se veut le porte-parole des femmes dans les dossiers politiques de l'heure.

Depuis sa création le Ministère de la Condition féminine avait vu passer plusieurs ministres à sa barre. Même le Premier ministre de l'époque René Lévesque avait occupé ce poste de Ministre à la condition féminine et c'est une question de l'Opposition officielle qui le lui avait fait réaliser. Les changements très fréquents au poste de ministre n'avait pas permis d'assurer une stabilité dans la poursuite des dossiers. Depuis décembre 1985 Me Monique Gagnon-Tremblay occupe ce poste et elle croit avoir donné à ce ministère la stabilité dont il avait besoin pour faire avancer la cause des femmes plus efficacement. Elle lancera dans quelque temps un troisième plan triennal qui présentera d'autres grandes orientations de son ministère. Le Ministère de la Condition féminine n'est pas un ministère traditionnel

car son fonctionnement est pour ainsi dire horizontal. Il joue un rôle de coordination de programmes qui affectent plusieurs autres ministères. La Ministre apprend à connaître les différents dossiers qui touchent les femmes puis tente avec l'aide de son personnel d'élaborer des politiques d'intervention dans les différents dossiers. Avec l'aide d'autres ministères dont le Ministère de la Justice, celui de la Condition féminine présente des politiques, propose des solutions aux problèmes rencontrés par les femmes québécoises. Madame la ministre

croit que la meilleure façon de faire avancer la cause des femmes dans les différents dossiers qu'elle traite est de négocier avec ses collègues des autres ministères, de leur présenter des politiques bien structurées et étayées de preuves solides et non pas de créer un climat de confrontation où les réponses négatives de ses collègues en majorité masculins seraient vues comme des rebuttades sans fondement. Solidaire de son gouvernement elle croit elle aussi que l'Etat doit gérer efficacement ses revenus et lorsque les

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Games People Play

By Dan Urbas

More than a month ago, this Law Faculty unleashed an enthusiastic team of 80 or so students to represent McGill in the 1988 Law Games. These games were held February 4-7th in Windsor, "keep it beautiful", Ontario.

The 80 students used the games to practise their peculiar understandings of "consent", "force majeure", "reasonable person", "voluntary incapacity", "mens rea for liquor" and the ever-popular "assault with a foreign object". Impromptu curbside lectures were delivered by Professors Lametti and Goldstein to various police forces on the constitutionality of having to identify themselves, which they could not.

The remaining "or so" students drifted about the city of Windsor, marvelled by its cosmopolitan richness, giddy with the exotic sights of a city which is Ontario's answer to educational T.V.: it's free, good for you, and hard to find when the weather is bad.

Many of the students could not quite agree on what was Windsor's best feature. Some argued persuasively that the highlight of Windsor was its view: the view of Detroit or the view of Windsor from the VIA train to Toronto.

Others felt that what sold them on being in Windsor was the novelty of ordering pizza from Detroit in the States and having it

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TALMUD CLASS

*Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Room 202
Taught by former student Greg Bordan
Everyone is welcome, no background is
needed*

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BANQUET COMMITTEE

Meeting on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the
L.S.A. Office.

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QL CODES

There are about 50 people who have not
picked up their *free access* codes from Mary
Lourenco (Mr. Renshaw's secretary). As
well, some 30 students have not signed their
contracts entitling them to a free access code.
Please act quickly or your contracts will be
returned.

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COMPUTER SEMINARS

The Computer Committee will be offering
introductory one hour seminars on the fol-
lowing topics:

- 1) Legal data bases: Quick Law, SOQUIJ,
West Law;
- 2) Wordprocessing: MacIntosh, IBM
WordPerfect.

Four sessions each day will be offered on
March 9th and 10th, starting at 9 a.m. Inter-
ested students may sign-up at S.A.O.

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LASKIN ADVANCED MOOT/LA PLAIDOIRIE AVANCE LASKIN

Fifteen volunteers are required for March 11
and 12, 1988 to assist in the hosting of this
year's Laskin Advanced Moot. Interest par-
ties must be bilingual. Your reward: dinner at
the Faculty Club. Those interested should
please speak with Ali Argun.

La Faculté de Droit de McGill présente cette
année la Plaidoirie avancé Laskin: quinze
volontaires sont donc demandés pour assis-
ter à cet évènement le 11 et 12 mars 1988.
Les parties intéressées doivent être bilin-
gues. Récompense: dîner au <Faculty
Club>. Les intéressés doivent communiquer
avec Ali Argun.

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L.S.A. NOMINATIONS

Please note that nominations are now open
for the following L.S.A. awards.

- 1) L.S.A. Participation Award (6 max.)
- 2) Alan Neil Assh Sports Award (4 max.)
- 3) L.S.A. Graduation Award (4 max.)

For details concerning these awards, please
see posters in the faculty.

Nominations for the above awards will be
closed at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 1988.

It is requested that complete nomination
forms (available in the LSA office) be in
sealed envelopes; left in my mailbox in the
L.S.A. office.

Norbert Haensel
Chairman, Awards Committee

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CLARKSON, TETRAULT INTER- VIEWS

Clarkson, Tetrault is recruiting students for
the summer of 1989 and two six-month stage
articling periods (May-November 1990 and
September 1990 - March 1991) at both their
Montreal and Quebec offices.

Students interested in interviewing on Tues-
day, March 15, 1988 between 9:00 a.m. and
5:00 p.m. are asked to submit their curricu-
lum vitae and academic records (including at
least that of first year and first semester of
second year) to the Admissions Office (At-
tention: Sharon) before 1:00 p.m. Thursday,

March 10, 1988. Interested candidates must
include in their C.V. telephone numbers at
which they can be contacted during the day
and evening.

Clarkson, Tetrault will pick up the C.V.'s on
March 11, 1988 and will provide the admis-
sions office with a list of candidates to be
interviewed.

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DELTA THETA PHI

Elections to be held
Wed. March 23, 1988
Noon, Room 201

Delta Theta Phi
sponsors

BEER & PIZZA
in the Pit

Wed. March 16, 1988
12:00 - 2:00

Proceeds go to
The Old Brewery Mission
and Chez Doris

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ON STUDYING MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO

It's one of those ironies of life. You spend
three or four years studying Canadian law,
but if you wish to practice in Quebec, you
have to do a year-long stint at Bar School and
then article for six months.

Or, upon graduation, you can study New
York law at McGill during the summer, and
if you pass - presto- you're a qualified Big
Apple lawyer. (Mind you, if you haven't
secured that obscenely high-priced position
at White and Case, you remain overqualified
and unemployed in Montreal, but why worry
about details?)

All kidding aside, I'm here to inform you that
for a mere \$1,050.00 U.S. (\$975 +\$75 re-
fundable book deposit), you can take the Bar/
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delivered *hot* to Canada without a tariff. Of course, this is much like a stolen BMW only you don't have to share your pizza with some yuppie wearing a yellow "flower" tie and a digital watch as a fashion accessory. But I digress.

These Law Games are an annual event, require some travel and equipment and do incur some "nominal" expenses; nominal if you plan not to eat, drink, or pay police fines.

There do exist the *Other Law Games*. These games are played each week of class, require no travel and no expenses. The only equipment necessary is a short attention span, a distracted prof, and a handful of students. There are eight of them.

Keener Bingo. By far this is the cruelest of the games indulged in by law students. To my knowledge, only a few ruthless first-year common law students regularly play *Keener Bingo* to its "Bingo!" conclusion. These same students will no doubt go on to practise "Corporate Divorce" law or some equivalent blood-sport hybrid.

The game is simple. Before class, each player draws up an enlarged tic-tac-toe grid of blank boxes, four by four. In each box, the student writes in the name of a class "keener". The sole criteria for name selection is the likelihood of that student saying something in class. (I said it was cruel.)

Play progresses as students begin speaking. Names are crossed off until one player has a complete row of "keeners" marked off on their card. To claim a win, the player with a completed row must then speak up in class and insert the word "Bingo!" into his or her comment.

A milder version of *Keener Bingo* is *Space Bingo*. The criteria for name selection is the likelihood of some "spaced" student's remark halting a legitimate class discussion and careening it off onto tangents and irrelevancies. Each class contribution is voted on by players. Votes are thumbs *up* "good comment, on topic" or thumbs *down*, "good point, wrong faculty". This game promotes class attention to course material and is

WAKE UP CANADA!

By Brad Condon

Last week NDP Member of Parliament, Svend Robinson, publicly announced that he is gay. On the Journal, he said that his message is, "Wake up Canada." He has asked Canadians to accept the reality that gays are part of the country's social fabric and are to be found in every walk of life. He seeks an

admired by profs and most students. Practitioners hate it because their name is usually on the card, twice.

Password. The object of the game is to insert a key word or phrase into your class discussion. Each player selects a word or phrase and a list is made and circulated amongst the players. The score is tallied by the number of times each player inserts his or her word or phrase into his or her class comment. The word or phrase must be peculiar and wholly unrelated to the course topic. This will often go unnoticed but do not let this disappoint you. Practise it and master it because it may come in handy in a real court of law.

Bonus points and a free desk plant are customarily awarded if the players gets the professor to agree with his or her peculiar example. Additional points for difficulty are awarded if the student hasn't read the materials. If anything, a brisk game of *Password*, skilfully played, is the best answer to thwart the less honourable *Keener Bingo*.

Prof Football. This is a non-contact game and the best "field" is the Moot Court. By means of an imaginary line, players divide the Moot Court in two equal halves. A referee is appointed and sits on the dividing line.

end to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Some people say that homosexuality makes them nervous, explaining that they have never met anyone who is gay. Surely, the individual who has never known a homosexual forms part of a rather small minority group. The truth is that most people do know at least one homosexual, be it a family member, a co-worker or a public figure. They are simply not aware of their friend's sexual orientation.

The voters in Robinson's Burnaby riding have given him overwhelming support. They have said to him, "We know you, we like you, we like the work you do for us and we do not really care what your sexual orientation is." The federal NDP, including Ed Broadbent, have supported Robinson in his decision to go public.

On the Journal, Robinson described his decision as being both intensely personal and political in nature. Sexual orientation is a very personal matter. However, Robinson wants to work towards greater equality in Canadian society. He wants to pass laws that will stop a form of discrimination that prevents people from being who they are.

Svend Robinson has taken a brave step forward for equality rights in Canada. Although he is not Canada's only gay politician, he is the first Member of Parliament to publicly announce that he is gay.

I sincerely hope that the effect of Robinson's announcement will be as positive as he intended it to be. I hope it will open minds that have, until now, remained closed. I applaud Svend Robinson's efforts to replace discrimination in Canadian society with acceptance.

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Bri Review Course between June 1 and July 14, in lovely Room 202 of New Chancellor Day Hall. You write the actual exams at the end of July.

Be forewarned that for this 2 month period, it's a full-time job. Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 1:00, you listen to taped lectures, and then you do additional independent reading for between 3 and 6 hours a day. But it does beat a year of Bar School, n'est-ce pas?

If you need any more gory details, just speak to me (Shari Moidel). I have the application forms and can answer questions.

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SUMMER JOB AT THE CANADIAN LAW INFORMATION COUNCIL

The Canadian Law Information Council requires a law student to assist with a number of projects this summer, including the editing of a Guide to Computer-Assisted Legal Research. The ideal candidate will possess:

- excellent research, writing and analytical skills;

- knowledge of CALR systems, especially QUICK/LAW

Bilingualism is a definite asset. Remuneration will be in the range of \$8 to \$10 per hour depending on qualifications.

To apply, please send a résumé with a sample of your recent writing to Martin Felsky, Director, Research and Information Technology, Canadian Law Information Council, 5th floor, 161 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J2.

Deadline: March 8, 1988

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MONEY FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN LAW

The Canadian government is offering six scholarships of \$14,100 each for study at the Master's level in law at a Canadian univer-

sity. These prestigious "Duff-Rinfret Scholarships" are tailor-made for McGill graduates, since they are designed to support studies involving civil law/ common law comparisons or topics within federal legislative jurisdiction. They are well worth applying for. The deadline for applications for the 1988-89 year is imminent (March 11, complete, in Ottawa). If interested, contact Prof. Webber without delay.

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L.S.A. ELECTIONS

Monday March 7 at 9:00

Lists of candidates running for council positions will be posted on the LSA Bulletin Boards.

Wednesday March 9 at 12:00, Moot Court

Candidates address the students at a general assembly. All years attend.

Wednesday, March 9, 21:00

Campaigning stops. All candidates are reminded that all posters must be removed by 21:00h.

Thursday, March 10, 9:00 - 5:00

The Law Students Association and S.S.M.U. Elections take place. Polling stations in front of Moot Court. Bring ID cards!

Volunteers are needed to work at the polling stations on Thursday and to help in the counting Thursday night. If you can pitch in for an hour sign up at the LSA office.

REMINDER

L.S.A. BOOKSTORE

LAST DAY OF BUSINESS

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

Ce Que Femme Veut Cont'd from p.1

demandes des groupes de femmes sont trop grandes elle préfère leur dire franchement ce qu'elle ne peut leur promettre plutôt que faire retomber le blâme sur ses collègues.

Les groupes de femmes du Québec entretiennent avec le ministère des liens étroits. Oh! il y a bien des conflits parfois lorsque les groupes demandent au ministère de les financer et qu'ils n'obtiennent pas toute l'aide dont ils ont besoin pour répondre à tous les besoins des organismes qu'ils supportent. Les groupes font connaître leurs priorités la Ministre trouve les moyens pour obtenir aux femmes la reconnaissance de leurs droits. Le personnel du ministère aide les groupes à monter des dossiers qui sont ensuite présentés à différents organismes gouvernementaux. Les groupes féminins ont un accès très rapide à la Ministre et même au Premier Ministre.

Les liens du Ministère de la Condition féminine avec celui de la Justice sont des plus étroits actuellement. Le Ministre Herbert Marx est très ouvert aux préoccupations des femmes et Madame Gagnon-Tremblay par sa formation de notaire connaît bien les aspects du droit qui touchent le plus les femmes québécoises. La politique de sanctions plus sévères pour la violence conjugale, celle de l'indexation des pensions alimentaires sont autant d'instances où le Ministère de la justice a répondu à des problèmes concrets vécus par les femmes.

Depuis 1964, année pendant laquelle les femmes québécoises ont perdu le statut d'incapables dont elles étaient affublées depuis trop longtemps, l'accès à l'égalité a été reconnu dans plusieurs lois et dans la Charte québécoise des droits et libertés de la personne. L'instauration du régime de société d'acquêts dans le droit matrimonial en 1969 a permis de remédier à un problème grave à l'époque le désistement des couples face au régime légal de communauté de meubles et acquêts qui ne répondait pas au désir d'autonomie des femmes modernes. Aujourd'hui les femmes qui se sont mariées dans les années 50 et 60 sous le régime conventionnel de séparation de biens se retrouvent, lorsqu'elles font face à un di-

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Free Trade: A Bargain or a Bad Deal

Part Two

By Brad Condon

Last week's article on McGill's Free Trade Conference left you with the question of whether the Free Trade Agreement guarantees access to the U.S. market. The message that the conference delivered was that the FTA improves access but that we do not

exactly know where the FTA will take us in the future. Much depends on the good faith efforts of both countries to keep their international relationship moving in a positive direction.

Much public debate has occurred over the dispute settlement mechanisms of the Free Trade Agreement. Currently, lengthy disputes suspend access to the market and may even prevent access where an exporter cannot afford to avail itself of the system. It appears from the conference that dispute resolution under the FTA will be faster, more efficient and less costly than under the present system. Hence, it will improve access to markets, even though it cannot guarantee access.

With the cost of trade protection reduced, Canadian firms will be more willing to invest in increased production capacity. Foreign investment in Canada will increase. However, the FTA does not eliminate existing interprovincial or interstate trade barriers. As one speaker put it, with the FTA, Canadian companies become entitled to the same discrimination as U.S. companies, and vice versa. One of my most disliked interprovincial trade barriers is the one that prevents Moosehead beer from being sold in Montreal. Beer was not on the table at the Free Trade negotiations.

The FTA is an agreement between two governments. Under international law, they are bound to fulfill their obligations under this agreement. Private parties therefore have a right to expect both governments to comply with its terms, according to a Canadian diplomat at the conference. He described the political background of the FTA as being made up of forty years of the GATT's multilateral negotiations and the

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Each team's score is a function of the amount of time the professor physically spends on their half of the class. By means of class questions, observations, bizarre movements and unusual noises, each team attempts to intrigue the professor onto their side of the class. The game works best when the professor is animated, energetic, drinks coffee and has Socratic tendencies.

Hijack. This is also a team sport but only one student is the player. Play is reserved until towards the end of the class - which may be anywhere from 5 to 45 minutes, depending on the course. The object of the game is to pre-empt any and all further class discussion on topics relevant to the course.

The delegated student is cued at the right moment and must single-handedly monopolize the professor's attention for the remainder of the class time. Bizarre movements and unusual noises are seldom sufficient to do so. However, they are helpful in supplementing your dialogue with the prof as he or she responds to your inane questions. This lull gives everyone on the hijackers team the chance to relax and chat and plan the rest of their week or lives.

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Ce Que Femme Veut!

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vorce ou à un décès suivi d'un testament qui n'est pas en leur faveur, dans un pauvreté presque totale. Elles n'ont pas de biens puisqu'elles ont passé leur vie à la maison à s'occuper de leur mari et de leurs enfants. Pour remédier à ces inéquités le Ministère de la Condition féminine et celui de la Justice présentent un avant-projet de loi qui sera présenté au Conseil des ministres très prochainement et fera ensuite l'objet d'une étude approfondie et de représentations par les groupes intéressés.

Ce projet est appelé "Partage des droits économiques des conjoints" et représente selon la Ministre un pas important dans la résolution des injustices causées aux femmes qui ont choisi et choisissent encore la séparation des biens. Le partage des droits économiques des conjoints se veut le partage entre les conjoints d'une masse de biens dits "familiaux". A la dissolution la résidence familiale, l'automobile, certains biens mobiliers et les régimes de rente seront partagés en parts égales. De plus le projet prévoit d'améliorer la prestation compensatoire pour permettre aux femmes collaboratrices par exemple de ne plus avoir à porter le fardeau de la preuve de leur apport exceptionnel. D'autres améliorations seront apportées à certaines dispositions concernant la société d'acquêts qui font problème actuellement. Les effets de la communauté de biens pourraient se transformer en effets de la société d'acquêts pour faciliter l'interprétation de dispositions qui n'ont plus de place dans le Code civil du Québec. La philosophie qui sous-tend le projet de loi est une de recherche d'équité et de justice entre les conjoints. Madame la ministre a admis que le projet pouvait sembler surprotéger les femmes et ne répondre qu'à une situation touchant les femmes mariées dans les années 50 et 60 sous la séparation de biens. Mais selon elle cette politique veut surtout protéger la famille en assurant un partage impératif de certains biens. Les femmes choisissent encore souvent la séparation de biens et beaucoup de couples se marient sans vraiment être informés des règles qui régissent leurs rapports pécuniaires. Face à la venue du divorce sans

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THE 'PARTING SHOT'

Discotheque Zig Zag

Four Seasons Hotel Quatre Saisons

Friday, March 25, 1988 at 9:00 p.m.

\$3.00

SEMI-FORMAL

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Buy your tickets at:

~~The Thursday Happy House Coffee Hour~~

Tickets also available from:

John Godber, Rod Garson,
Rob Goldstein or Norbert Haensel.

Speaker's Corner

Law and Policy Workshop

Unless otherwise indicated, all presentations will be given in Room 202 of 3644 Peel St. on Fridays at noon.

March 11: Stephen Perry,
The Impossibility of General
Strict Liability

Free Trade...

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longstanding bilateral relationship between Canada and the United States, characterized by direct negotiations. He expects to have the benefits of the FTA extend to the rest of the world through the Uruguay round of the GATT negotiations.

The answer that this conference gave to the question of whether the FTA guarantees access to the U.S. market was a clear no. It improves access but it provides no absolute guarantees. The FTA was held up as an example of the kind of agreement that the parties of the GATT should strive for. One big question still remains. Should Canadians support Free Trade now or simply wait for further trade liberalization under the GATT? You just might have the opportunity to answer that question in Canada's next federal election.

REFERENDUM APPEALS

Why \$4.50?

By David Lametti - LSA President
Kenneth S. Aboud - LSA Treasurer

On Thursday, March 10, the LSA Council will be asking you through a referendum to increase the amount of money you give each year to the LSA. At present we receive \$10.50 per year per student; we are asking for a \$4.50 increase which would make the total LSA fee \$15.00 per student per year.

There are several reasons for the proposed increase. Perhaps the most important is the precarious revenue situation in which the LSA could find itself in future years. At present, the LSA has budgeted revenues of approximately \$14,000.00 per year. Of this amount, only \$6,000.00 comes from direct student fees and LSA generated revenues. The remaining \$8,000.00 comes from a beneficial cafeteria contract in which the LSA receives a 10% cut of the gross sales of

the cafeteria. In addition to the extreme feelings of guilt one gets from taking any money for our "quality" cafeteria, this source of revenue is unstable for two major reasons. First, our cafeteria contract will expire at the end of next year. If we were unable to negotiate a similar deal, - a strong possibility - then the primary source of LSA revenues would be lost. With only the \$6,000 remaining we could not even cover our basic administrative costs. Consequently, such a loss would leave no room for funding Orientation Week, clubs,

speakers and other activities which you have come to expect from the LSA. Second, we receive in October, an annual estimate from the University Administration of cafeteria revenues for the upcoming year. We base our annual budget upon this estimate. This past year the estimate was downscaled by \$2,000 in late November. Normally, such a change would have been disastrous to the Association's funding. We were fortunate this year in that the clubs have experienced a

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The grace period afforded each prof varies but is typically left to the last 5-10 minutes before cueing the hijacker. In a *Hijack* game record of 1 hour, a 3rd year student began with a pre-class question posed to the prof while in the cafeteria lineup. He sustained the irrelevant discussion which followed for the entire class period and into the lunch hour. The prof no longer talks to students in the halls.

Swat. This is a reactionary's game. A student, perceiving a valid game of *Hijack*, attempts to draw the prof's attention back onto the course topic. *Swat* is most often played by accident by those 2 or 3 students in the class who are still taking notes and

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Don't *Quid* Around: Vote YES In the Referendum!!!

By Joani Tannenbaum, Editor-in-Chief

Many people in this faculty count on *Quid Novi* to bring a ray of sunshine into that otherwise mundane existence we call law school. And while law students depend on the *Quid* to inform them about important notices, to recount details of missed speeches delivered by guest lecturers or simply as a pleasant diversionary tactic, the *Quid* in turn depends on the students for its continued existence.

Quid Novi is entirely independent of the Law Students Association. Revenue is raised solely from fees levied directly on students. Unfortunately, the current rate of \$8.00 per student is inadequate to meet our annual operating costs. Each issue involves expenses

of approximately \$200 (printing - \$150, typing - \$40, miscellaneous - \$10). Total yearly expenditures amount to \$4,800, while annual revenue raised through student fees comes to just over \$3,900 (489 x 8).

In past years, any deficit was eliminated by drawing on a capital fund set up during the *Quid*'s first few years of publication. That fund was depleted last year. Efforts to replenish it have been initiated by selling subscriptions and advertising space. These attempts produce some revenue, but nowhere near the sums we require. As a result, recourse must be had to emergency funding from various sources around the

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don't realize the glorious opportunity fellow students have made possible for them. Most *Swat* people are boors, wear velour slacks, are mean to small animals, and argue in Latin.

Shell game a.k.a. Risk. This is a private game played between you and the McGill Food and Gruel Commission. The object is to choose the freshest food item in the cafeteria. Begin by selecting a food item from its food group. Hint: there are 2 food groups in our cafeteria - packaged and not packaged. Therefore, it is permitted, if not wise to compare apples and oranges or sandwiches and coffee. Remember taste is *not* the criteria.

To test how fresh an item is or threatens to be, players may pinch, poke, squeeze, fondle, sniff, eye, shake, scratch, knead, roll or toss a food item. Tossing is by far the choice of experienced cafeteria users. If the item lands "wrong" or continues to move, leave it. There is the added advantage of only having to handle it once and *briefly* at that.

Rorshäch. I close with this game because it is one of the few holistic games law students play. This is a communal game organized along lines similar to the Swiss psychology test used for the analysis of personality.

Most profs are fond of leaning on the blackboard, and inevitably they rub chalk dust onto their backs. Only one student per class can actively play. The student fills out notes which outline what is suggested to him or her by the series of chalk blots left on the prof's back. The notes change. The prof repeatedly alters chalk blots and each new blot evokes new responses in the student. These responses are passed along to the other students who analyse and interpret them. A student is encouraged to seek professional therapy if their responses keep focusing on legal topics. The student is urged to withdraw from school if the chalk blots cause him or her to understand the course content.

Before leaving McGill Law School, take the time to collate your participation in the games - how often you played, how well you scored, what was your rank. These will look great on your résumé and will let every law firm know how well you incorporated extra-curriculars into your time at McGill.

Dear Abby Initio

Dear Abby Initio,

There is a saying that goes, "If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb." Does the same go for law students?

Signed,
Bye, bye Black Sheep

Dear Three Bags Full,

I am not lion to you when I say that some students march into law school like lions and march out of exams like lambs from the slaughter. Doesn't that just bleat all?

REFERENDUM . . .

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quiet year and our council has done a particularly good job raising money through the video games and through social functions. An increase this year will help move the LSA towards a more secure financial base, not dependent on cafeteria revenues. (This would also strengthen our bargaining position when we attempt to improve cafeteria service.)

The LSA Councils of the last few years have, in our opinion, earned the respect of students and faculty. We have also expanded our horizons, on your behalf, to pressing the Barreau, along with other Quebec law faculties to implement interview guidelines and to improve the Bar Course. We also have an increased role with the Canadian Association of Law Students. These efforts cost money. And worse, we constantly find that our group has less money to spend than other law faculty student associations on these projects. Our basic functioning also has a higher overhead now that we have actual offices, computerization, and more regular procedures which have made our organiza-

tion more effective and credible. The proposed increase will allow us to continue these efforts.

Finally the LSA has not had an increase in at least seven years. For many years the LSA had a large surplus invested in term deposits. This surplus has been used to help purchase the computers presently found in the library (\$10,000) and the one in the LSA office (\$3,000). We can't continue to rely on these as a justification for no LSA increases, now that they have almost all used up.

The \$4.50 increase will bring in approximately \$2,000.00. This will be the first step in securing the financial position of the LSA in this Faculty. If you have questions, or want more information please speak to any member of the LSA Executive, or drop by the office.

We have come a long way from a desk in the corner of the present LSA Lounge. While we realize many groups will be asking for your money, we feel that no group more directly impacts the quality of life in this Faculty than the LSA does. Vote "Yes" to an LSA increase.

Ce Que Femme Veut

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faute les juges ont eu tendance à limiter la durée de paiement de pensions alimentaires et ont demandé aux femmes de reprendre le travail, chose parfois très difficile pour celles d'entre elles qui étaient restées à la maison pendant plusieurs années. Le partage impératif permettrait donc aux femmes de recevoir leur part des biens familiaux, lors de la dissolution et de pouvoir ensuite se prendre en main avec un certain capital disponible. Elles n'auraient plus à dépendre de l'aide de l'Etat pour leur survie. Le sort des autres biens serait régi par le régime matrimonial car la liberté de choix serait maintenue. Pendant les années de transition il serait peut-être possible de renoncer à ce partage impératif.

Certaines femmes s'opposent évidemment à ce projet car elles possèdent la résidence familiale mais selon la Ministre si on accepte la notion de partage équitable de la masse des biens familiaux entre les époux il faut aussi accepter les obligations qui en découlent. En cas de décès les femmes mariées en séparation de biens ne recevaient rien à la dissolution du régime si elles étaient restées à la maison et de plus leur mari pouvait, du moins en théorie, les déshériter grâce à la liberté absolue de tester. La Ministre semble plutôt favoriser la liberté de tester par-rapport à certaines formes de limitations de celle-ci donc un partage des biens familiaux au niveau matrimonial lui semble préférable à une réserve héréditaire par exemple. Une telle réserve ne résoudrait pas le problème des femmes qui font face à un divorce (de plus en plus fréquent...) plutôt qu'à un décès.

L'avant-projet sera probablement amendé tout au long du processus de consultation mais les grandes lignes de celui-ci seront conservées.

Le Ministère de la Condition féminine en collaboration avec celui de la Justice tente actuellement de conscientiser la population face au problème de la violence conjugale. Les changements ont déjà été faits au niveau juridique mais maintenant ce sont les mentalités qui doivent changer. La violence conjugale ne doit plus être considérée par l'entourage comme une simple "chicane de ménage". Pour Madame la ministre il est inacceptable que 200,000 femmes soient violentées au Québec.

La Ministre de la Condition féminine sait bien que le processus démocratique est long et que les changements ne donneront des résultats tangibles qu'à long terme. Pourtant il semble bien que ce que femme veut, elle l'obtient à force de travail acharné et de pressions sur les pouvoirs publics.

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By Phillip Pike

DOWN

1. What Snoopy the world's greatest attorney is. A ____.
2. See (Latin) (4 letters)
4. Scourge of aspiring law students.
5. Spice for property cuisine
6. Reason for relative nullity (French)
7. Patronage honor before 1952

Don't Quid Around...

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faculty. Unless an answer to this problem is found, the alternatives we face include cutting down on the number of pages per issue, as well as the number of issued published per term.

A viable solution exists to this conundrum. An increase in the student fee from \$8 to \$10 would raise enough capital to completely cover our annual operating costs.

We appreciate the unflagging support you have shown for *Quid Novi* in the past and would hope that this support remains constant so that we may continue to produce a weekly student newsletter of top quality. So, please, vote yes to the referendum on the \$2 increase for *Quid Novi*.

N.B. An information session will be held Tuesday, March 8, at noon in Room 102 for any student who has questions regarding this issue.

9. Part of the Civil Code

10 Constitutional body of water

11 Preliminary motion

12 Maiden name of famous tort claimant

ACROSS

1. What every losing litigant seeks

3. Seat of justice for Lord Chancellor

8. Gift (Latin)

11. Illegal without a warrant

13. Seller is bound for these

14. Point beyond which a lawyer cannot go

15. Attack validity of

16. Neglect of contract

17. Preclude

18. Member of ruling body of Ontario lawyers

